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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW OF EAST-WEST TRADE

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES GAO TEAM RETURN VISIT CAN BE HANDLED WITHOUT UNDUE DIFFICULTY AS OUTLINED REF A.

2. EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL OFFICERS ARE PREPARED TO MEET WITH GAO TEAM TO EXTENT NECESSARY. CONCERNING REVIEW OF EMBASSY FILES AND PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS, WE WILL BE GUIDED BY DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS TO HONG KONG (REF C) AS WELL AS 4 FAM 934, BEARING IN MIND POSSIBILITY, CITED HONG KONG 9995, THAT GAO MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO RELEASE INFORMATION OBTAINED. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD NOT PLAN TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATING TO MATTERS CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION, PARTICULARLY JAPAN-SOVIET SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

3. CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE EMBASSY:

A. RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS OF MITI INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION BUREAU, EXPORT CONTROL DIVISION, HAVE IN-
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FORMED EMBASSY THEY WILL BE IN EUROPE DURING OCTOBER AND

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NOT AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH GAO TEAM (SINGAPORE PLEASE
INFORM GAO TEAM).

B. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING APPOINT-
MENTS REQUESTED WITH MITSUBISHI AND JAPANESE INDUSTRY
ASSOCIATIONS.

4. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT MESSAGE FROM GAO TEAM LEADER
SMITH DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY (REF B) SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE WITH
GAO REQUESTS REPORTED REF A PARA 2. UNLESS OTHERWISE
INSTRUCTED, EMBASSY WILL ASSUME THAT REF A PARA 2 IS
GOVERNING WITH RESPECT TO APPOINTMENTS WHICH EMBASSY SHOULD
SEEK TO ARRANGE. WITH REFERENCE TO REF B PARA 2 EMBASSY
NOTES THAT GAO TEAM ALREADY CALLED ON JAPAN EXIMBANK,
JAPAN-SOVIET ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AND KEIDANREN (LATTER TWO
WERE COMBINED), FOREING MINISTRY ANDTHAT MOF DE-
CLINED MEET WITH GAO TEAM. EMBASSY NATURALLY WILLING TO
PROVIDE WHATEVER APPROPRIATE INFORMATION IT HAS
AVAILABLE ON SUBJECTS LISTED REF B PARA 2, BUT UNABLE
PROVIDE IN-DEPTH INFORMATION.
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